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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, CH, US

SUBJECT: GUIDANCE CONCERNING PRC PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI'S DEATH

- 1. DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT PRC MISSIONS ABROAD MAY CONDUCT VARIOUS FORMS OF ACTIVITY TO OBSERVE THE DEATH OF PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE FOR PARTICIPATION BY US OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN COMMEMORATION ACTIVITIES AT LOCAL POSTS.
- 2. IF A CONDOLENCE BOOK IS OPENED AND THE US POST IS EITHER SPECIFICALLY INVITED TO SIGN OR IS INCLUDED IN A GENERAL INVITATION, CHIEF OF MISSION, CHARGE, OR PRINCIPAL OFFICER SHOULD SIGN. INDIVIDUAL US OFFICIALS MAY ALSO SIGN ON A PERSONAL BASIS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHIEF OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MISSION. IF THE US POST IS CLEARLY EXCLUDED FROM A GENERAL

INVITATION EXTENDED TO OTHER DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS, NO EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO SIGN, BUT IF PERSONAL RELATIONS WARRANT, THE CHIEF OF MISSION MAY SEEK AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY HIS PERSONAL CONDOLENCES TO HIS PRC COUNTERPART.

- 3. POSTS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN OTHER FORMS OF OBSERVANCE, SUCH AS MEMORIAL SERVICES, AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL IF THEY ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES, US REPRESENTATIVES WILL PROBABLY NOT BE INVITED TO SUCH CEREMONIES, AND ANY EXCEPTIONS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.
- 4. ASIDE FROM OFFICIAL OBSERVANCES, US OFFICIALS ARE OF COURSE AUTHORIZED TO OFFER PERSONAL EXPRESSIONS OF CONDOLENCE TO COUNTERPARTS IN PRC MISSIONS.
- 5. ANY UNUSUAL ASPECTS OF PRC HANDLING OF THESE OBSERVANCES SHOULD BE BRIEFLY REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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